

REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated August 22, 2005. An RCE and IDS have been filed herewith.

Claims 9-18 were allowed in the Notice of Allowability mailed August 22, 2005. New claims 19-21 have been added. Thus, claims 9-21 are pending.

New claim 19 clearly defines over the cited art, for at least the following reasons. Claim 19 requires that “at least part of the interior surface of the polymer inclusive substrate is for facing a peripheral edge of the vehicle window; a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of the vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded to each other at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window, and wherein the polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion is at least bonded to at least part of interior surface of the polymer inclusive substrate facing the peripheral edge of the vehicle window; wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion is more flexible than the substrate; and wherein said substrate includes a projection extending from the exterior surface of the substrate, said projection being approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate, and wherein said projection extending from the substrate does not contact said thermoplastic elastomer portion that includes the lip or leg that is for engaging the surface or edge of the vehicle window.” With respect to the italicized and underlined portions of the claim set forth above, for example and without limitation, see Fig. 2 of the instant application for example (see also Fig. 3). In Fig. 2 for example, the interior surface of the end portion of substrate portion 21c faces the peripheral edge

of the window 25, and at least part of the thermoplastic elastomer portion 23 is bonded to at least part of the interior surface of the substrate which faces the peripheral edge of the window 25.

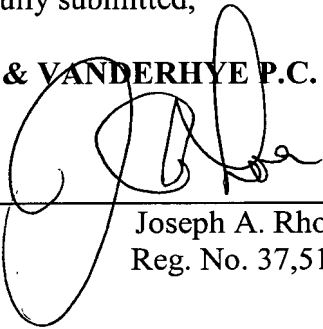
Both Kelly and Dupuy fail to disclose or suggest the aforesaid italicized and underlined features of claim 19. In particular, in Kelly no portion of the alleged thermoplastic elastomer portion 34 is bonded to any part of the alleged substrate 32 which faces the peripheral edge of the window 46. Likewise, in Fig. 2B of Dupuy no portion of the alleged thermoplastic elastomer portion 61 is bonded to any part of the alleged substrate 18 which faces the peripheral edge of the window 14. Thus, it can be seen that the cited art is entirely unrelated to the invention of claim 19.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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